

Biography of Joseph H. Harlan

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HARLAN, HON. JOSEPH H. is a native of Boyle county, Kentucky, and was born May 9th, 1821. He moved, in 1835, to Cooper county, Missouri, from where he came across the plains to California in 1853. The first year he spent in Colusa county, the second in Butte, and from 1856 to 1861, he lived in Solano. At the latter date he settled in Yolo, where he has been extensively engaged in farming. He owns 3040 acres of excellent farm land, all of which is inclosed, cultivated and well stocked. In politics, Mr. Harlan is a conservative Democrat, and was elected in 1875 to represent the Fourth District of Yolo county in its Board of Supervisors, and served his term of two years satisfactorily to his constituents. In September of this year, he was elected joint State Senator for this and Solano county. November 15th, 1855 he married Gracie, the daughter of A. Barnes. The ceremony took place at their present residence, and was performed by Elder J. N. Pendegast. The result of the union has been nine children, as follows: Susan Mary, Victorine G., Wm C., Joanna, Mary G., Joseph L., and Claude B. Abraham died July 16th, 1868; Coral B. died December 17th, 1876. The home farm, as shown on Plate 46 is situated about six miles south-west from Woodland, and is a model one being complete in every particular, and demonstrates the practicability of its owner.